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New Jersey Hospital Association
New Jersey Hospital Association
760 Alexander Road, Princeton, NJ
609-275-4140

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For a map and detailed automobile  
transportation-travel information,  
go to the NJHA Conference  
Center website:

<http://www.njha.com>

Then hit Conference Center.  
Then hit Directions.

Public Transportation:

From New York, Penn Station, New  
Jersey Transit, North East  
Corridor to Trenton. Get off at  
Princeton Junction. Take cab or  
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From Philadelphia take  
North East Corridor  
train to Princeton Junction.  
1-800-772-2222 or outside of  
New Jersey 1-973-762-5100.

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872-7245

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 2  
Attention: Diane Buxbaum DECA/CAS  
290 Broadway, 21 East  
New York, NY 10007

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*U. S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 2  
and the  
New Jersey Hospital Association*

PRESENT

**Environmental Compliance and  
Pollution Prevention Conference  
for Hospitals**



Wednesday, July 23, 2003

Registration and Breakfast 8:30 to 9:00 AM

Preregistration and payment is required.

Program is 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

## **WHY ATTEND?**

**Environmental regulations:** Health care facilities must comply with numerous federal environmental regulations. On December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2002, EPA Region 2 (NY, NJ, PR and USVI) sent out a letter to 480 hospitals announcing the Regional Hospital Compliance Initiative. As a part of the Initiative EPA is making unannounced inspections of hospitals and documenting noncompliance. Violations are being identified, press releases issued and fines are being assessed. Recently a major hospital in the New York metropolitan area was assessed over \$300,000 for lead violations. This conference will provide information on compliance with major federal regulations and those which are not covered will be referenced in the handouts. Attending is crucial to understanding how to maintain operations that are safe and meet federal environmental requirements.

Health care facilities must comply with the regulations, ensuring the safe handling of hazardous materials and the reduction of negative environmental health impacts.

The guidelines presented will help maintain a safe work environment for patients, staff and the communities you serve. In addition, by complying, these facilities will save money in the long run. And most certainly not doing so may lead to public health hazards, violations and fines.

**Voluntary Audit Policy:** In many instances EPA action can be avoided by voluntary compliance through the use of EPA's Audit Policy. The Policy has several important goals including promoting greater compliance with federal environmental laws through self-policing, discovery, disclosure, correction and prevention. If certain criteria are met, reductions in gravity-based penalties of up to 100%, resulting from EPA enforcement of violations discovered and disclosed by your institution under the Audit Policy, are possible.

**Pollution Prevention:** In addition, presentations on voluntary pollution prevention programs such as Energy Star, and WasteWise will also be made.

Pollution Prevention is the most environmentally sound way to go. It cuts down on pollution before it becomes a problem such as excess solid, hazardous and red bag wastes.

## **WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

Biomedical engineers; housekeeping managers; environmental health and safety directors; procurement officials; attorneys; and any person who has the authority to recommend and implement process change in your hospital.

## **AGENDA:**

- 9:00 Welcome and Introductions**
- 9:15 Evaluation Project and Certificates**
- 9:20 Federal Hazardous Waste Regulations (RCRA)**
- 10:30 Clean Water Act (CWA)**
- 11:00 Break**
- 11:10 Clean Air Act (CAA)**
- 12:00 Voluntary Audit Policy**
- 12:30 Networking Luncheon (including H2E video)**
- 1:30 Evaluation Project**
- 1:35 Underground Storage Tanks (UST)**
- 2:25 Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC)**
- 3:10 Environmental Management Systems (EMS)**
- 3:55 Voluntary environmental programs (EnergyStar, WasteWise, etc.)**
- 4:15 Q and A's, Evaluations, CDs**
- 4:30 Adjourn**

## **REGISTRATION FORM**

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND POLLUTION PREVENTION CONFERENCE FOR HOSPITALS** Wednesday, July 23, 2003

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**REGISTRATION FEE:** Included Breakfast, Lunch  
Please enclose a check for \$65.00 made out to the HRET of New Jersey

**WHERE TO SEND YOUR CHECKS and REGISTRATION(S) YOU MUST INCLUDE Seminar No. 0344 on each item:**  
Educational Services  
New Jersey Hospital Association, HRET  
PO Box 828691  
Philadelphia, PA 19182-8691

Registrations by fax will only be accepted if accompanied by credit card information (MasterCard, Visa or American Express) . Fax to 609-275-4271. If your check is being processed you may use a credit card to hold your registration. Please write "HOLD ONLY" by the credit card information. Credit card will be charged if check is not received by the date of the conference.

Cancellations received by July 14 will receive a refund minus a \$20.00 per person service fee. Cancellations received after that date will not be eligible for a refund.

Questions: Rita Pruzan, NJHA, 609-275-4148.

Or you may call Diane Buxbaum for information, (not for registration) EPA Region 2, (212) 637-3919

If you are unable to attend, you may send a substitute in your place